[*Translation*]

Integrated Tribal Development Project in Bihar

1459. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state the Villages selected in each district of Bihar under Integrated Tribal Development Project?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): The information is being collected from the State Government of Bihar and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

Gas Terminal in Maharashtra

1460. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had submitted proposals to the Union Government for the construction of a stored gas terminal in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Criteria for fixing Petrol and Diesel prices

1461. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for fixing the prices of petrol and diesel;

(b) whether there is any difference in the price of petrol in India and other non-petroleum producing countries; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) to (c). Prices of petroleum products, including petrol and diesel, are fixed by the Government keeping in view the supplies , growth in demand and other socio-economic factors. Information regarding petrol Prices in different Countries is not being maintained.

[*English*]

Oil Exploration Programme during Eighth Plan period

1462. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the plan programme for exploration of oil during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken to achieve the target during the plan period?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) and (b). The Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

[*Translation*]

Production of Raharia and Mabhana

1463. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Agricultura